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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH TO THE BRIDPORT RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL FOR THE YEAR 1945 INCLUDING STATISTICS FOR THE PERIOD 1938 - 1945.

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STATISTICS OF THE AREA

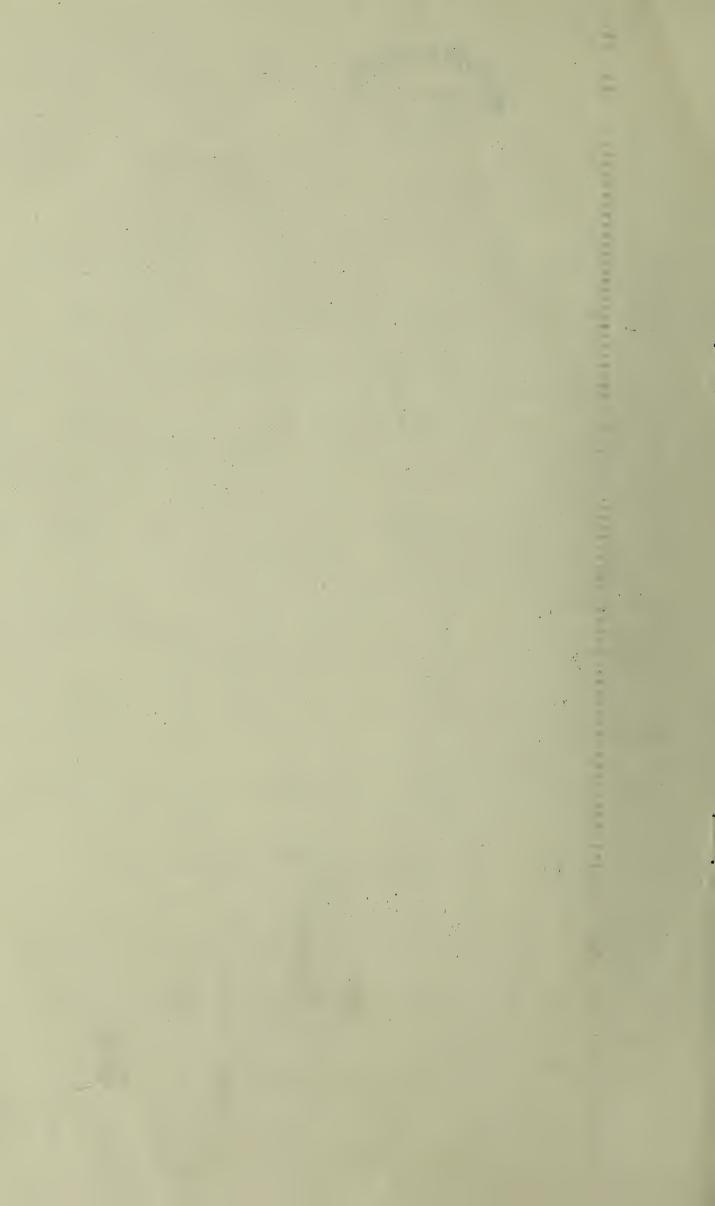
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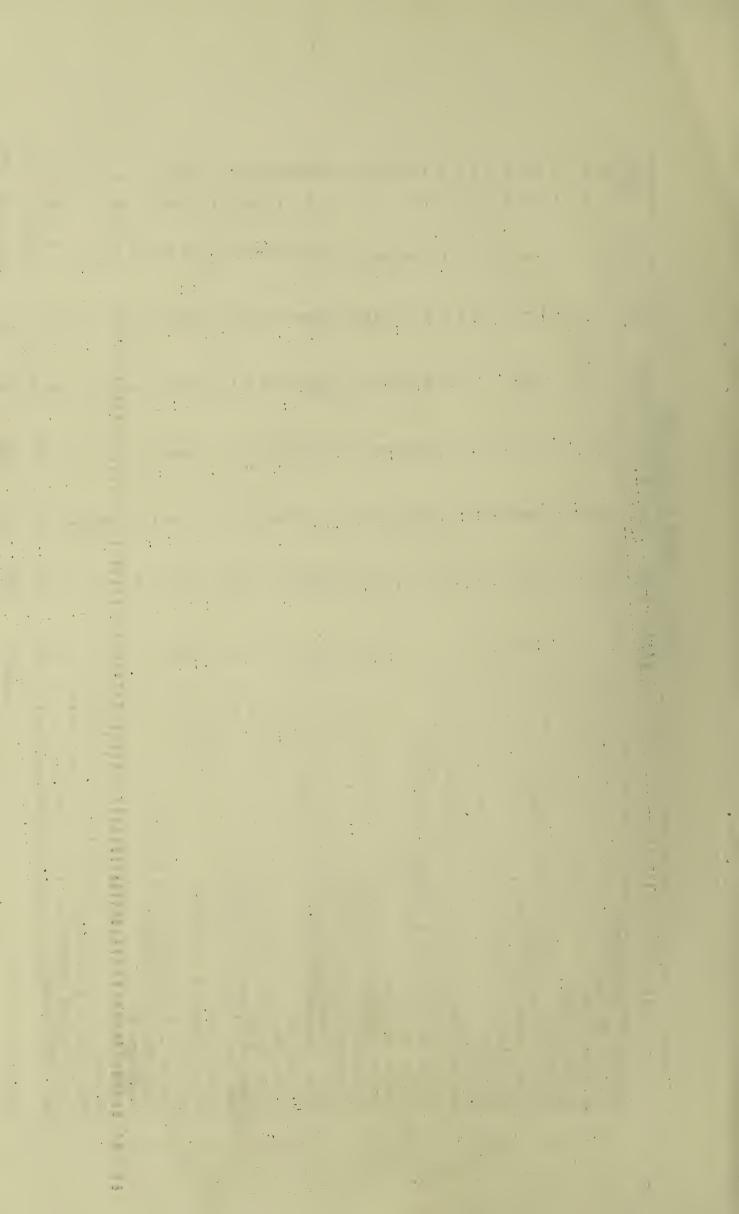
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		Causes Nil. e per 1,000 Live and Still Births Nil
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resident population - 17,24.

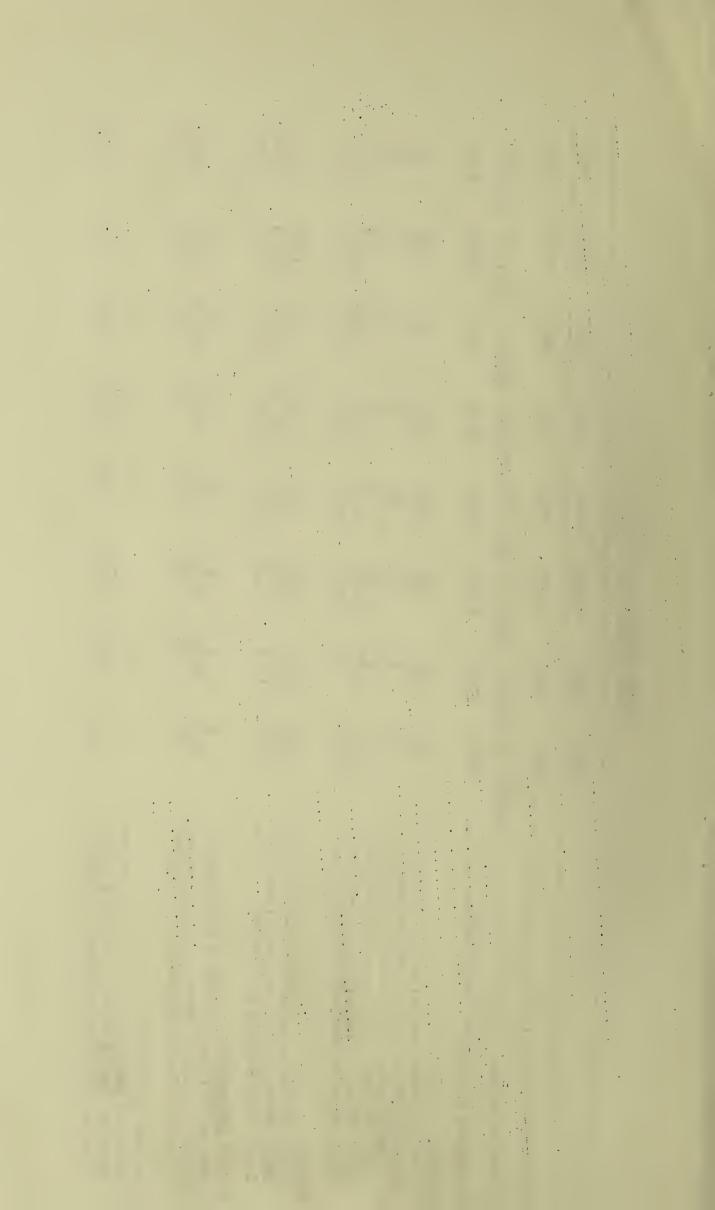


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OTHER VITAL STATISTICS.

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	Population	Rateable Value£	Estimated Produce of Penny Rate	BIRTHS:- Live Births. Legitimate	Still Births. Birth Rate (England and Wales).	DEATHS:- Total Deaths Death Rate Death Rate(Ingland and Wales)	INFANT MORTALITY:- Deaths of Infants under 1 Yr.of age Infantile Death Rate	MATERNAL MORTALITY:- Maternal Deaths



SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

WATER SUPPLIES.

The Bridport Water Works Company is the biggest supplier in the Area. Their Act of Parliament empowers them to take a maximum of 320,000 gallons per day from the springs at Litton Cheney, but at times these springs do not yield this amount. Their Statutory Area, in addition to Bridport Borough, comprises the following Parishes:—Allington, Bothenhampton, Bradpole, Burton Bradstock, Chilcombe, Litton Cheney, Loders, Shipton Gorge, Swyre and Symondsbury, but the Company only supply Bothenhampton, Bradpole, Burton Bradstock and part of Litton Cheney and Symondsbury. The Chideock Water Works Company supplies an average of 12,900 gallons per day. The Charmouth Water scheme belongs to the Rural District Council and gives a yield of approximately 32,000 gallons per day in September to a Summer population of 1,800. At Puncknowle there is a supply vested in the Rural District Council to a stand pipe in the Village. Whitchurch Village is supplied by a private company. Messrs Lemon and Blizzard, Chartered Civil Engineers and Surveyors, were empowered by the Council during the year to make a survey of the District with a view to a comprehensive Water Scheme covering the whole of the Area, linking up, if necessary, with adjoining districts, as envisaged in the Rural Water Supplies and Sewerage Act 1944 and the Water Act 1945. Their report has not yet been issued. At present the Bridport Water Works Company supplies and the Charmouth supplies are chlorinated.

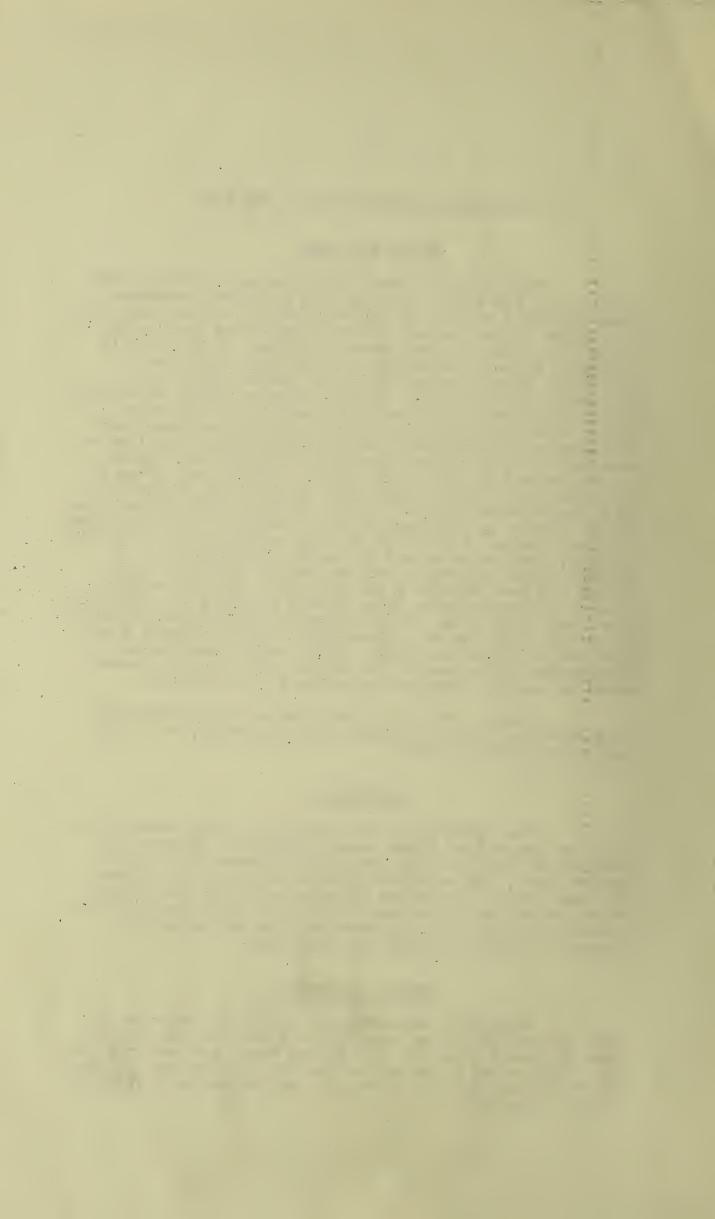
Twenty two samples were taken for bacteriological analysis, including twelve from Charmouth, all of the latter being satisfactory.

SEWERAGE.

The drainage in the district is very unsatisfactory, as apart from those areas immediately adjacent to Bridport Borough and the few Council Houses with their septic tanks, the remainder of the Villages, on a Water Carriage system, discharge crude sewage into the nearest water course, with the result that all the latter are very grossly poluted. This is especially so at Charmouth, Chideock, Bradpole and Burton Bradstock.

REFUSE COLLECTION.

A monthly collection of refuse and salvage is made from all Parishes, and for this purpose the Council have purchased a new Carrier Bantam Wagon and employ three men. The refuse is dumped at the tip, a mile East of Burton Bradstock, and the salvage is sorted and sold from the store in Bradpole.



SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA.

No. of inspections for all purposes ... Unknown No. of Informal Notices ... Unknown ... Unknown

No Annual Report from the Temporary Sanitary Inspector was sent to me and he left the service of the Council in December. Lieutenant Colonel L.F.A.Maddocks, the Council's Sanitary Inspector and Surveyor has now returned from H.M. Services and is resuming duty in January, 1946.

RODENT CONTROL.

Under the Auta and Mise Destruction Act the Council asked for and received Delegated Powers from the County Council, which were then asked to take back their Powers under the Act, but they refused to do so. There is no Rodent Control in the Area over which the Rural Council have Delegated Powers and there is no Rodent Officer.

HOUSING.

No new houses were built during the year, The Council own four acres at Watton, also sites for eight houses at Whitehurch and two houses at Burton Bradstock. The Council have taken no steps to institute even a preliminary survey of the houses in the district, with the result that the number of houses unfit for human habitation, the number that require reconstruction and the number requiring repairs are unknown.

. The Local Authority own 87 houses and there are approximately 1,600 working class houses in the District.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

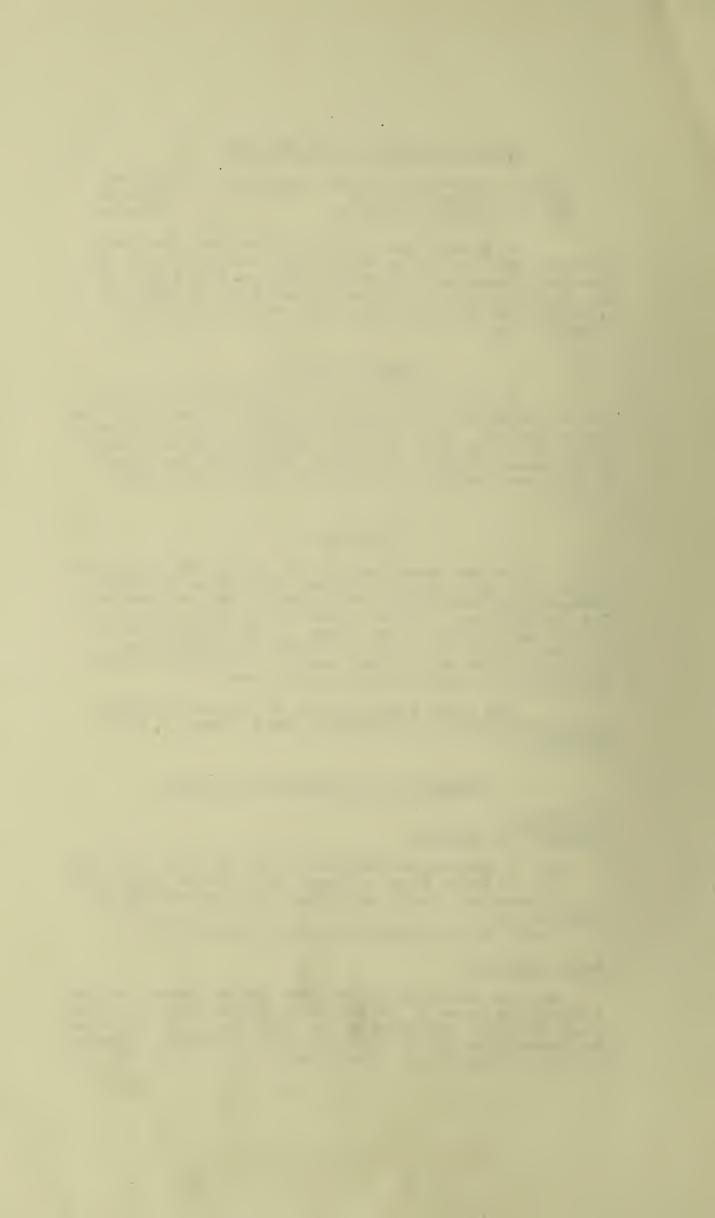
Milk Supply Cowsheds and Dairies.

No. of persons on Register at end of 1945 ... 236 No. of Dairy Farms on Register at end of 1945... 236 No samples of milk were taken for bacteriological examination.

There is no pasteurising plant in the district.

Meat Inspection.

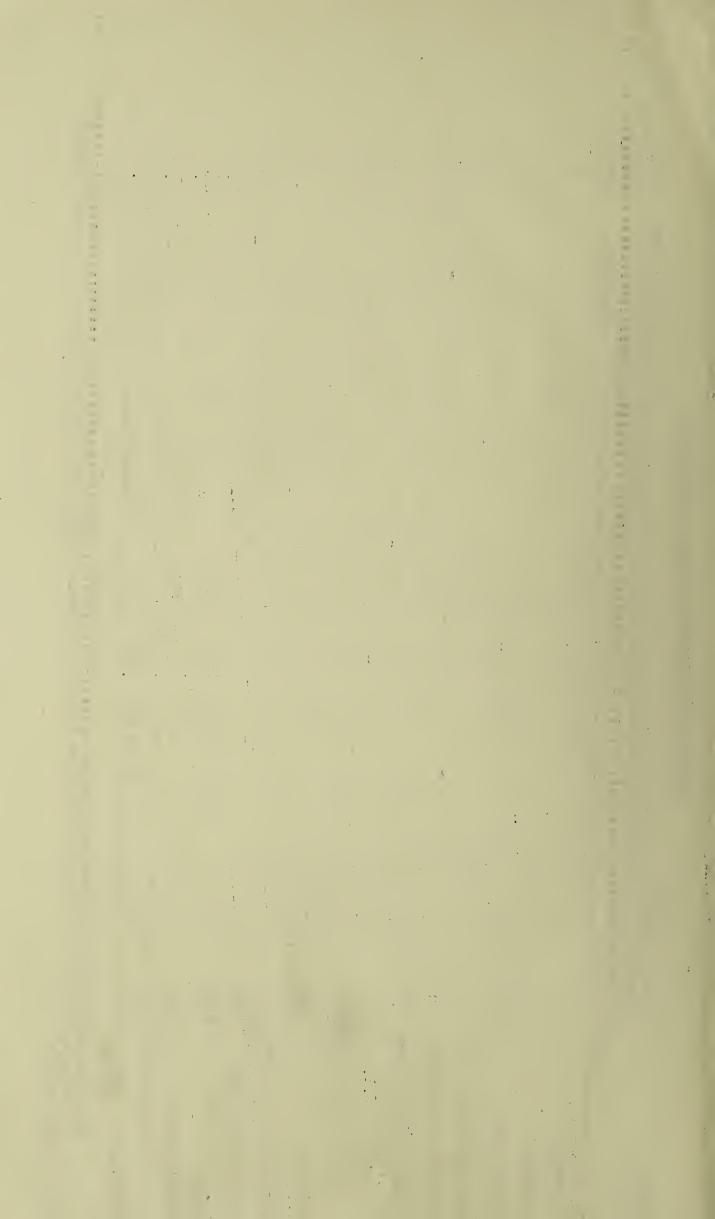
All the slaughtering for West Dorset takes place at a Slaughter House in the Parish of Symondsbury. A Veterinary Surgeon, appointed by the four districts concerned, is responsible for the inspection of carcasses, on every day that slaughtering takes place.



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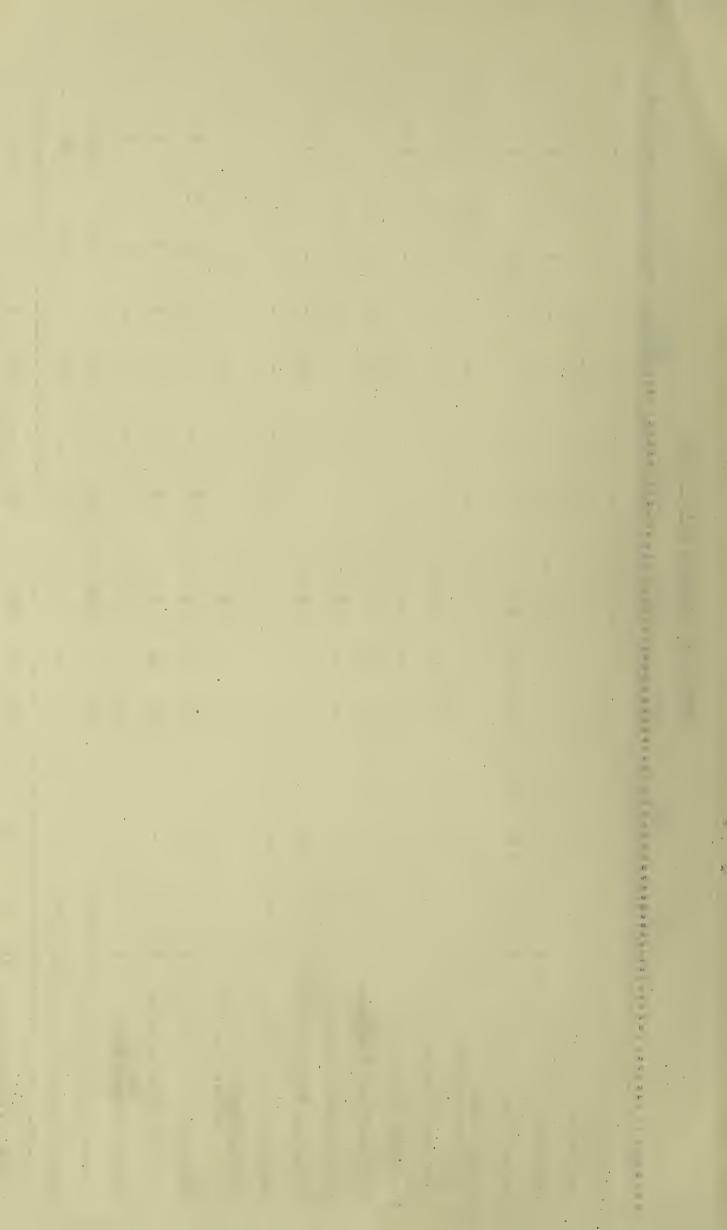
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There was an epidemic of Measles from May until July when 205 cases were notified, over E. being in the 5 to 10 years age group. There were no deaths from the disease. There have been no cases of introducing during the past five years.



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Particulars of Death:
Pulmonary. Age - 58. Occupation - Police Reserve.
Duration of Disease - 4 years.

New Cases and Mortality 1938 - 1945.

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DIPHTHARIA IMINISATION

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Percentage immunised - Pre-School Children 4.7 and School Children 96.

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